Super Minds Starter Student's DVD-ROM
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About *Super Minds*

This exciting seven-level course, from a highly-experienced author team, enhances your students' thinking skills, improving their memory along with their English.

- Develop creativity with visualisation exercises and art and craft activities
- Explore social values with lively stories
- Encourage cross-curricular thinking with fascinating "English for school" sections

The fabulous Student's Book DVD-ROM features animated stories, interactive games and activities, lively songs with karaoke versions, and fun activities focusing on the key vocabulary and grammar of each unit.

FREE extra resources can be downloaded from http://www.cambridge.org/elt/superminds

This DVD-ROM accompanies *Super Minds Starter* Student's Book and is not sold separately.

System requirements

Windows® XP, Vista or 7
Mac OS X v10.4 or later
PC: 2.33GHz Intel® Pentium® 4, AMD Athlon® 64 2800+ or faster processor
Mac: Intel® Core™ Duo or faster processor
512MB of RAM (1GB recommended)
600 MB of available hard-disk space
800 × 600 screen resolution or higher
DVD-ROM drive
Speakers or headphones
Microphone

Installation instructions

Windows

On most computers, the installation will start automatically when you place the disk into the DVD-ROM drive. If it does not:

- open the **Start** menu and click on **My Computer** or double-click on the **My Computer** icon on the desktop;
- double-click on the DVD-ROM icon;
- double-click on the **setup.msi** icon.

Follow the installation wizard to install *Super Minds Starter* on the computer.

During the installation process you will be asked to accept the **Terms and conditions** before you can continue.

If you would like to install *Super Minds Starter* to a particular location, you can do so by clicking the **Browse** button and choosing the preferred folder. Otherwise click on **Next** to install it to the default location.

After the installation is complete, the ***Super Minds Starter*** icon will appear on the desktop. Double-click on this icon to start the program.

Mac

After you place the disk in the DVD-ROM drive:

- double-click on the ***Super Minds Starter*** icon on the desktop;
- double-click on the **Super Minds Starter.pkg** icon.

Follow the installation wizard to install *Super Minds Starter* on the computer.

During the installation process you will be asked to accept the **Terms and conditions** before you can continue.

After the installation to the default location is complete, go to **Applications** and find **Cambridge**, **Super Minds,** and then the **Starter** folder. Double-click on the ***Super Minds Starter*** icon to start the application.

Uninstallation instructions

Windows

Super Minds Starter uninstaller removes all the software related data from your computer except for the user scores. If you would like to remove the user scores as well, follow the steps below BEFORE you uninstall the program:

- close ***Super Minds Starter*** if it is open;
- open the folder into which you installed the program. If you have not changed the default installation folder, it should be ***C:\Program Files\Cambridge\Super Minds\Starter***;
- open the **admin** folder;
- double-click on the **ClearAllScores.exe** icon.

To uninstall *Super Minds Starter*:

- open the **Start** menu and click on **Control Panel**;
- double-click on **Add or Remove Programs** (Windows XP) or **Programs** and then **Programs and Features** (Windows Vista and 7);
- select ***Super Minds Starter*** in the product list;
- click on the **Remove** button (Windows XP) or **Uninstall** button (Windows Vista and 7).

Follow the uninstallation wizard to remove *Super Minds Starter* from the computer.

Mac

Super Minds Starter saves user scores outside of the installation folder, so if you would like to remove the user scores as well, follow the steps below BEFORE you move *Super Minds Starter* to the **Trash**:

- close ***Super Minds Starter*** if it is open;
- go to **Applications**;
- open **Cambridge**, **Super Minds**, **Starter** and then **admin** folders;
- double-click on the **ClearAllScores** icon.

To remove *Super Minds Starter*:

- go to **Applications**;
- open the **Cambridge** and then the **Super Minds** folder;
- drag the **Starter** folder to the **Trash**.

Setting up the computer for voice recordings in *Song*

Important: Please ensure the microphone is connected to your computer BEFORE opening the software.

Access to microphone

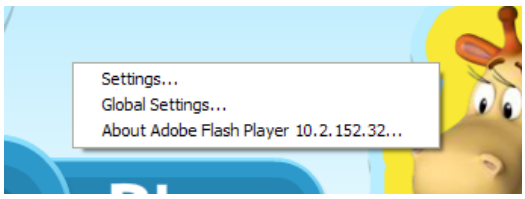
In order to use the audio recording feature in *Song*, the software needs to be allowed to use your microphone. When *Song* is first accessed you will be presented with the following pop-up:

Adobe Flash Player Settings
Camera and Microphone Access
local is requesting access to your camera and microphone. If you click Allow, you may be recorded.
Allow
Deny

Click **Allow** to enable audio recordings.

If you click **Deny** and would like to change the settings:

- either restart the software and select **Allow** next time the pop-up shows,
- or right click on the screen and select **Settings** from menu:



Open **Privacy** and select **Allow**:

Note: If you tick **Remember** as well, the software will not request permission to use the microphone each time you open it.

Microphone indicator

To ensure that the microphone is working correctly in *Song*, go to *Karaoke* and check the microphone indicator next to **Record**.

If you see a blue bar move when you speak into the microphone, the microphone is set up correctly and can be used to record the audio.

If the indicator is empty or the blue bar does not move when you speak into the microphone, you may not be able to record the audio. Please see below for a list of possible problems with the microphone.

Possible problems with microphone

If you are having problems with audio recording in *Song*, please check for the following problems.
Note: Appropriate solutions depend on your operating system, so you may need to refer to your computer's manual to perform some of these checks:

- **The microphone may not be plugged into the computer correctly.**
  Check the connection to ensure that the plug is pushed in fully.

- **The microphone may be plugged into the incorrect port.**
  If you are using a microphone with an analog connector, check that it is plugged into the microphone port (sometimes indicated with a small microphone icon or pink in colour).

- **The recording volume can be set to very low or be muted.**
  Check the recording volume control settings on your computer. If the microphone has a mute button, make sure it is not activated.

- **The microphone may not be selected as the current input device.**
  This may happen if your computer has a built-in microphone (laptops, notebooks) and you have plugged in an external microphone or a headset with a microphone.
  Make sure that the microphone is selected as the current audio input or recording device on your computer.

- **There may be other programs using the microphone (web camera viewers, internet phone, or music applications).**
  Make sure they are all shut down.

- **The computer may not have the correct drivers installed to use the microphone.**
  Most microphones are plug-and-play devices. However, it may be necessary to install driver software to enable the microphone on your computer. Refer to your microphone's user guide for details.

- **The microphone or headset may be damaged.**
  If possible, try replacing it with a different microphone or headset.

Clearing user scores

Super Minds Starter displays information about the user's progress in the *Scores* screen. If you would like to remove all score information from this screen you can do so at any time by using the **ClearAllScores** application located in the *Super Minds Starter* installation folder.

Windows

To clear user scores:

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Technical support

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